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TOWARD A NUCLEAR-FREE WORLD

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"To stop the spread of nuclear weapons, prevent nuclear terrorism, and pursue the day when these weapons do not exist, we will work aggressively to advance every element of our comprehensive agenda — to reduce arsenals, to secure vulnerable nuclear materials, and to strengthen the [Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty]. These are the steps toward the more secure future that America seeks, and this is the work that we are advancing today."
-- [President Barack Obama's Statement on the Release of Nuclear Posture Review, April 6, 2010](#)



On April 12-13, President Obama will host a Global Nuclear Security Summit in Washington DC aimed at enhancing international cooperation to prevent nuclear terrorism, a danger he calls the most immediate and extreme threat to global security. The summit will focus on safeguarding against nuclear terrorism by bolstering international cooperation and improving security for nuclear materials worldwide. It will provide an opportunity to discuss practical ways to identify and disrupt illicit trade in nuclear materials.

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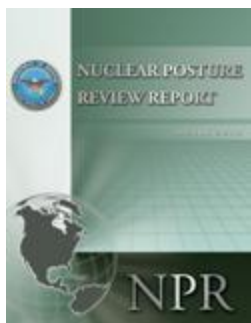


[Statement by President Barack Obama on the 40th Anniversary of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty](#) (March 5, 2010) - "It took years of focused effort among many nations to bring the NPT into force four decades ago and to sustain it as the most widely embraced nuclear agreement in history. On this 40th anniversary, the United States reaffirms our resolve to strengthen the nonproliferation regime to meet the challenges of the 21st century as we pursue our ultimate vision of a world without nuclear weapons."

[Statement by U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton on the 40th Anniversary of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty](#) (March 5, 2010) - "Our forthcoming Nuclear Posture Review will move beyond outdated Cold War thinking and reduce the number and role of nuclear weapons in our national security strategy, even as we maintain a safe, secure and effective

nuclear deterrent. And the administration will seek ratification of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty and pursue a verified fissile material cut-off treaty."

COUNTERING NEW GLOBAL THREATS



[Nuclear Posture Review Report](#) (April 2010) - The strategy, contained in a 72-page report — the Nuclear Posture Review Report (NPR) — produced jointly by the Department of Defense, Department of State and Department of Energy and the National Security Council, addresses what is believed to be the mostly likely threats in the coming decade — terrorists obtaining nuclear materials for “dirty” bombs and an increase in global nuclear proliferation spawned by additional nuclear-armed states.

[A Comprehensive Nuclear Arms Strategy](#) (April 7, 2010) - The Obama administration’s Nuclear Posture Review outlines the means to achieve greater security from worldwide nuclear dangers. Nonproliferation and counter-terrorism are central to the strategy. [Read the full Op-Ed by Vice President Biden.](#)



[The New START Treaty](#) (March 26, 2010) - President Obama announced the new START treaty during [a press briefing Secretary of State Clinton, Secretary of Defense Gates, and Admiral Mullen](#). The new Treaty, which he called “the most comprehensive arms control agreement in nearly two decades,” is a major step to reduce the number and role of nuclear weapons and to set the stage for further reductions in global nuclear stockpiles and materials.

ONLINE READING



[A World Free of Nuclear Weapon](#) - Since the first atomic bombs exploded in 1945, some have tried to rid the world of nuclear weapons. President Obama has embraced this goal with new vigor. This issue of eJournal USA examines the challenges to achieving nuclear disarmament. It conveys the hopes of some thinkers, and explains the doubts of others.

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